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**Search Begins
For Hitler's
Treasure Caves**

Ansbach, Germany, Mar. 3. Adolf Hitler's treasure is buried in several underground grottoes in the region of the Kochel Lake about 15 miles northeast of Garmisch Partenkirchen in Bavaria, a former nurse now in the Ansbach Mental Hospital said in an interview published by the newspaper Abend Post in Frankfurt today.

The paper reported that the information given by the nurse, Johanna Baumann, was now being secretly investigated by the West Germany Security Services.

The search had not yet been successful because of the thick layer of snow which blocked the entrance to the grottoes and because Johanna's presence was necessary to determine the exact location, the paper said.

The Abend Post said the documents, giving full details of the treasure and including a complete map of the hiding places, were now in the hands of Johanna.

The treasure was reported to include priceless carpets, gold bars and radio sets.

Johanna Baumann said she was a nurse in a German prisoners' camp after the war. Some German officers, with the complicity of some Americans, had the various treasure pieces transported in an ambulance.—France-Press.

**Lodge Backs
America's
Korea Policy**

United Nations, Mar. 3. Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee, US Representative at the United Nations, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge backed the American decision to resist Communism through the United Nations organisation.

A number of Republican Party members have recently denounced the Korean conflict as a "Truman affair."

Mr. Lodge said the United Nations position in the Far East would have become untenable, if the Communists had taken all of Korea thus putting them in a position to attack Japan, or merely neutralized it.

The United Nations action had also stopped Communist propaganda accusations alleging colonial expansion since the troops of all colours and nations had fought side by side against Communism.

He claimed, however, that the Truman administration had made a mistake in insisting that other countries sending troops to Korea should equip them themselves. Three other divisions could otherwise have been sent to Korea by United Nations members, said Mr. Lodge.

RIGHT OF VETO
Mr. Lodge said the Eisenhower administration would not repeat this error if a similar case arose. One possible revision of the United Nations Charter, stressed, was the right of the veto should remain on all except two points.

Firstly, admission of new members; and, secondly, approval of a peaceful settlement to a conflict on which the parties concerned are in agreement.

Mr. Lodge thought the elimination of the veto on point number one would not prevent the United States from opposing Peking's admission since so far they had been in a position to obtain the required majority to stop the Chinese Communist regime's mission and that he thought they could do it again.

He added that there was no necessity for inviting the Vietnamese to attend.

He said that there appeared to be a general wish to bring the Asian conflicts to an end.

—France-Press.

London, Mar. 3. Moscow Radio said tonight about 600 volunteers left Moscow by train today for the Southern Urals, mountains about 1,000 miles away, for pioneer work on virgin land.

Another group left Moscow nine days ago for remote Kazakhstan on the Chinese border.

It was stated then that 125 new state grain farms are to be set up in the next two years in Kazakhstan, Siberia, the Urals and the Volga regions.—Reuters.

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**Skiing Holiday For Duke Of Kent**

The Duke of Kent, cousin of Queen Elizabeth, is spending a winter sports holiday at Kitzbuhel in Austria, and is pictured here as he sets out to ski. The Duke is on leave from Sandhurst Military College.—Express Photo.

**New Royal Yacht
Will Cost
Over £2 Million**

London, Mar. 3. The Royal yacht Britannia, which will bring Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh home from Tobruk, North Africa, on the last stage of their Commonwealth tour, will eventually cost about £2,100,000.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, replying to questions in the House of Commons, said about £1,900,000 had actually been spent on the yacht so far.

The original estimate of the total cost at prices ruling in November 1952 was £1,800,000, he added.

The present estimate, based on the latest information, was about £2,100,000, he said.

Earlier a Labour member, Mr. Norman Dodds, had urged that technical details of the yacht should be published in view of the prestige associated with her building.

But the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Commander A. H. P. Noble, said full details had already been published.

COMPLETE SATISFACTION

The only additional information was that she had a gross tonnage of 5,769 tons, is driven by four steam turbines geared to two shafts and had a cruising speed of 21 knots.

The performance of the yacht on trials gave "complete satisfaction," he added.

When Mr. Dodds complained that applications by newspapers to view the vessel had been turned down, Commander Noble said the question of a visit would be borne in mind.

When the new Royal yacht, Britannia, arrives for the first time at her home port of Portsmouth soon a special berth will be waiting for her.

The Victoria and Albert, more than 60 years a Royal yacht, has already been moved to make way for the Britannia.

CREW CHOSEN

Twenty-two officers and 225 ratings have been selected for the Britannia. The officers will serve a normal commission time of 2½ years in the yacht.

The ratings, after a year's probation, may continue for the rest of their Service lives as Royal yacht men.

With the arrival of the Britannia, Portsmouth will see again the distinctive uniform of the Royal yacht service. Seamen wear their trousers outside their jump and have a special

—Royal Yacht Britannia.

SENATOR ATTACKS US AID PLAN

Military Assistance For Pakistan 'Unwise & Improvident'

Solingen, West Germany, Mar. 3. A collection of blades, from wicked-looking Oriental daggers to staining table knives, is to be opened to the public at Solingen, West Germany's cutlery centre, this spring.

The collection is claimed to be among the most valuable of its kind in the world. It traces the history of cutting implements from the crude chipped stone of Stone Age man to the wafer blade of the safety razor.

One section is devoted to swords and similar weapons. — China Mail Special.

East German Pupils Punished:

"Betrayed The Workers"

Berlin, Mar. 3. Eleven pupils of a class in a secondary school in Cottbus, East Germany, received a severe punishment for having refused, in solidarity with West Germany, to answer the questions of their teacher on the eve of the Berlin Conference, the German Communist Youth newspaper "Junge Welt" reported today.

The West German authorities had asked for three minutes silence to be observed before the opening of the conference.

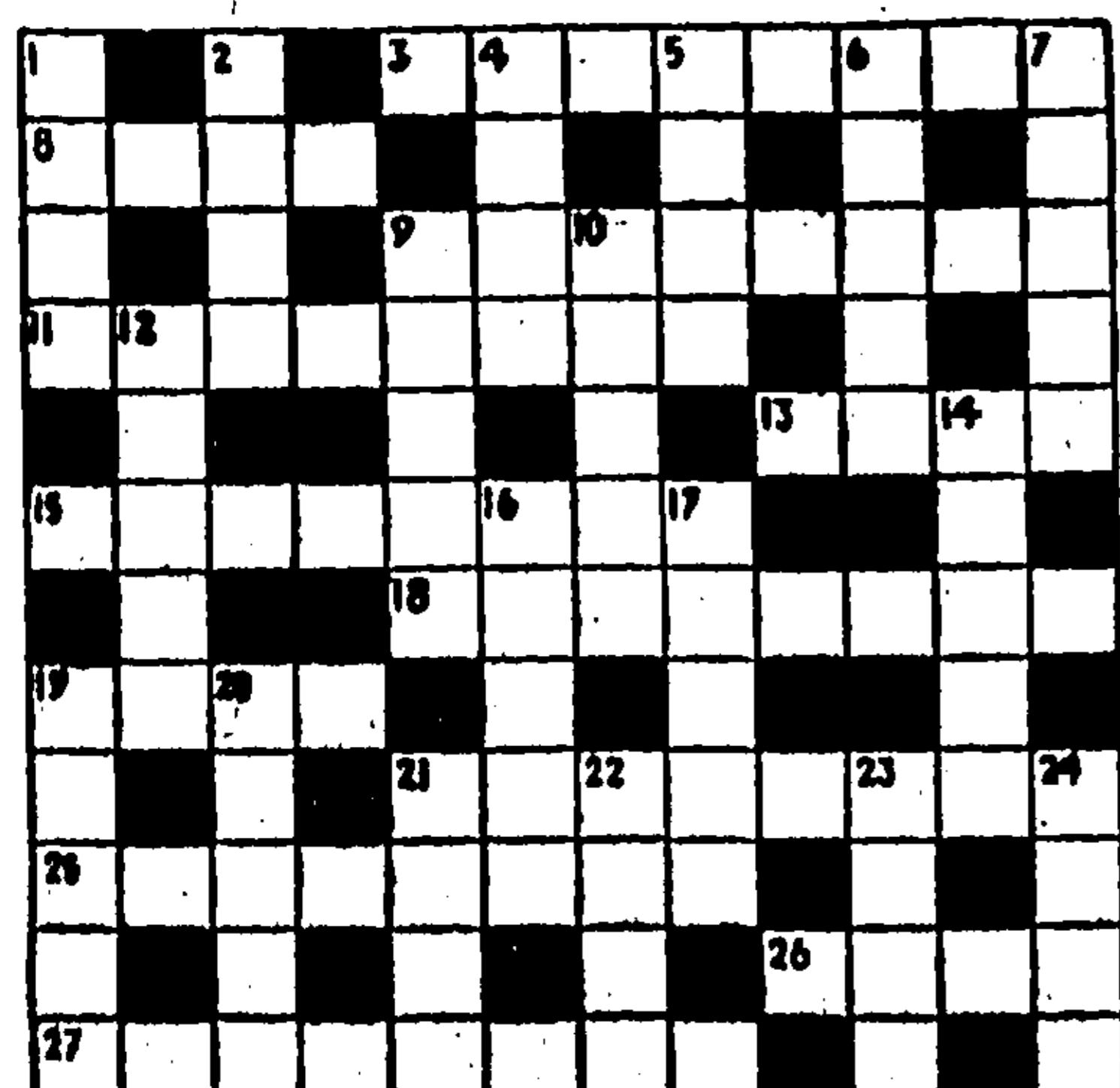
The paper termed the children's three minutes' silence as "unpatriotic" and said that they had "betrayed the cause of the working class on Jan. 25."

It was revealed that their attitude had been censured after a stormy meeting attended by some 300 members of the Cottbus branch of the "Free German Youth." Some of the "gully ones" gave as an excuse that they had wanted to show the discontent with their teacher and others that it had just been a schoolboy's prank.

A young officer claimed that during the meeting most of the members of the class had "lacked honesty" and asked that they be expelled from the organisation and punished by the school.

Only two young girls, who had disowned their fellow pupils, escaped punishment, concluded the Communist paper—France-Presse.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Got better (8).
- 8 Devastation (4).
- 9 Recollect (8).
- 11 Went before (8).
- 13 Ornament (4).
- 15 Muddled (8).
- 18 Gave up office (8).
- 19 Cow-shed (4).
- 21 Clifted (8).
- 25 Kept (8).
- 26 Wan (4).
- 27 Young bird (8).

DOWN

- 1 Support (4).
- 2 Heep (4).
- 4 Reward (4).
- 5 Peruse (4).
- 6 Residence (6).
- 7 Trick (5).
- 8 Be repented (5).
- 10 Yields (5).
- 12 Spacious (6).
- 14 Vegetable (8).
- 16 Carrying-chair (8).
- 17 Plunged (6).
- 18 Nobelman (6).
- 20 Ceremonies (8).
- 22 Abridges (4).
- 23 Spur (4).
- 24 Profound (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Sluice, 4. Least, 7. Relevant, 8. Trial, 9. Puppet, 11. Buried, 13. Pressure, 15. Union, 18. Floor, 19. Enrolled, 20. Ease, 21. Lease, 22. Strip, 23. Chase, 3. Scatter, 4. Letter, 5. Abridges, 6. Told, 10. Propose, 11. Neutral, 12. Flame, 14. Unreal, 16. Idiots, 17. Nudges.

In Open Field And Dense Jungle The Indo-China War Drags On



Above: tank of the Colonial Armoured Regiment fitted with 90 mm. guns while crossing an open rice field took part in very active operations in Hung Yen Sector, about 60 km S.E. of Hanoi on the Red River during the Indo-China war.

The picture on the left gives a slight idea of the difficulties encountered during the Indo-China war. This aerial view shows French troops as they make their difficult progress through the heavy vegetation of the jungle. — Express Photos.



"For Financial Reasons"

G.B. Shaw's 'Shrine' To Be Let

London, Mar. 3. George Bernard Shaw's house at Ayot St. Lawrence, Hertfordshire, which he left to the nation as a shrine to himself when he died in November 1952, will be let unfurnished from September 30 at a rent of £175 a year.

TRANSITORY
The report predicted that the tight credit policy of the Bank of Japan and selective lending policy of commercial banks would further intensify the concentration tendency of the banks themselves and combination of these banks and essential industries.

The report said, however, the present dominating position of the Zalbatsu banks seemed to be transitory and attributable to conditions peculiar to the postwar period.

The report warned against possible abuse by the Zalbatsu banks of their economic power. There have been little cases of suspected violation by financial institutions of the anti-trust law in Japan, but "latent possibilities are nonetheless enormous," the report said.

The Fair Trade Commission was created during the Occupation to supervise enforcement of the Occupation-sponsored anti-trust law. — Reuter.

Japanese Film Praised

Paris, Mar. 3.

The Paris evening newspaper *Paris Presse*, in a front-page article devoted to the Japanese film "Children of Hiroshima," which was presented to a Paris audience last night, said that this film which could have been a long cry of suffering or hatred was a real work of art.

All those who attended the presentation of "Children of Hiroshima" left the theatre last night with the same admiration for the extreme sense of decency of this film which undoubtedly reflects the sense of decency of a whole people.

This meant that the National Trust had to find £1,200 a year and in 1951 this was covered by the 17,010 visitors who paid to see the house.

After that the number of visitors fell to a mere trickle and the National Trust were forced to consider letting the house.

Whoever rents the house will have to allow the public access to Shaw's study and the gardens on Saturdays.

At the bottom of the garden in the hut where many of Shaw's famous plays were written. But when weather made it impossible to work there he used his study. — China Mail Special.

NATO Council May Discuss Geneva Plans

Paris, Mar. 4. The next North Atlantic Ministers' Council will be held in Paris on April 23, just three days before the scheduled Geneva Far Eastern peace talks, it was announced today.

A communiqué said the session would be devoted to an "examination of the general political situation."

However, diplomats said that the main business would be to consider Western strategy for the Geneva meeting with Russia and Communist China on Korea and Indo-China.

Besides bringing the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, together with the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, who presides at the meeting, the Big Three also will have an opportunity to fill in other NATO members on their plans.

These talks should permit a solid "Western front" to be presented to the Communists a few days later in Switzerland.

POSTPONED

The NATO Council was originally tentatively scheduled for April 4, the fifth anniversary of signing of the 14-nation pact. But it was postponed at Dulles' suggestion, it was reported. He said he would be too busy to make two separate trips to Europe, for NATO and then for Geneva.

Other business of the session will be to consider the projected United States "new look" strategy of immediate retaliation against any aggression rather than strong local defences spread out around the world's many potential trouble spots.

With the 1954 NAT effort already decided at the December Ministers' Council, there was said to be little else of a military nature to discuss. — United Press.

New Blizzards And Snowstorms Sweep America And Canada

Windsor, Ontario, Mar. 3. A new blizzard lashed at Western Ontario tonight on the heels of the worst storm in 50 years, isolating towns, blocking roads and closing schools caused by bad roads.

Only trains moved in and out of the border cities of Sarnia and Windsor. All schools in the two cities were closed for the day.

In the United States snowstorms slowed Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland down to a crawl on Saturday.

Chicago had its worst snowstorm in 10 years, a 13-inch fall that was swept overnight into massive drifts, stranding cars to the snowdrifts.

The snow was confined to a limited area that began at St. Louis and reached toward the Great Lakes region, but it was almost like a blizzard.

At Rockford, Illinois, six persons died in a farm house when the storm obscured the flames from a parlor and delayed fire equipment in reaching the scene.

The blizzard was at man and woman and their three children and six more who lived near Rockford.

These "Boffins" Give Our Navy An Atom Age New Look

Portsmouth, Mar. 3.

Human endurance is the major problem of a group of scientists at the Admiralty Physiological Laboratory just outside Portsmouth, the big British naval bases on the south coast.

The effects on men of escaping from sunken submarines, deep-sea diving and underwater explosions are only some of the things which they are investigating.

At the other end of the scale, they work out the "liveability" of ships in tropical and Arctic conditions — how to create happy ships by improving living conditions through such media as ventilation and heating.

These physiologists are one small branch of the Royal Naval Scientific Service, a semi-autonomous section of the Admiralty which musters more than 2,000 scientists and technologists to give the Royal Navy a "new look" for the Atom Age.

One of their major lines of investigation is submarine escape. For this, they have a particular interest in a new concrete tower at Fort Blockhouse, the submarine centre at the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour. This tower is tall enough to contain a 100-foot deep column of water and stands out in striking contrast to the old battlements of Fort Blockhouse itself, once part of the defences of Portsmouth but long the "home" of all British submarine crews.

The latest idea is that men escaping from sunken submarines do not need special apparatus, but should swim through the water with mouth open, slowly expelling the deep breath they have taken before leaving their crippled underwater craft.

This is the system being taught now at Fort Blockhouse, under the vigilant eyes of both physiologists and instructors.

STONE FRIGATES

Historic tests of this kind have been conducted in a large steel structure, something like a gas-holder, at the Underwater Weapons School in the shore establishment, called "Her Majesty's Ship Vernon" on the opposite side of the harbour from Blockhouse. All shore establishments in the Royal Navy, known as "stone frigates," bear the name of a ship.

Vernon is where torpedo and diving experts of the Royal Navy are trained, and is also the base for divers.

But scientists at the Navy's Physiological Laboratory are not content with merely observing the submarine-escape drill and the work of divers and underwater swimmers, or "frogmen" as they are called. They also use themselves as "guinea-pigs" to test new equipment and ideas.

One member of the Physiological Laboratory nearly ended his own life in this way. Experiments were being made to study the effect of underwater explosions, and he was puzzled by the report made by one diver.

MORE COMFORTABLE

He donned a diving suit himself and went down, deliberately placing himself even nearer to the source of the next explosion. He was hauled up unconscious and bleeding, and was only able to return to his experiments after a spell in hospital.

Another problem on which the scientists co-operate with medical officers and the men of the Royal Navy itself is research into the chances of survival of men who are shipwrecked in Arctic conditions.

This work was greatly stimulated by the heavy losses of British seamen in the Arctic convoys taking supplies to Russia during World War II.

The results of all this scientific research on saving life and making living at sea more comfortable, are passed on to all other interested nations as a humanitarian service. — China Mail Special.

The Queen Cuddled "Florabelle"

Melbourne, Mar. 3. Queen Elizabeth cuddled a real "teddy bear" and took several photographs of it at Government House on Monday. It was reported here today.

The little animal — a kookaburra bear named "Florabelle" — was specially chosen to meet the Queen because she likes to be cuddled and does not scratch, according to the Melbourne newspaper, the Age. — China Mail Special.

Six Japanese Fighting On In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 4. The security authorities in Malaya are renewing efforts to induce a handful of Japanese to surrender.

About five or six Japanese who stayed in the jungle when the war finished are believed now to be working with Communist terrorists.

An official source put the number of Japanese still hiding in Malaya at five or six.

At least two of these Japanese are believed to be "important men" in the Malayan Communist Party. One is said to be a doctor and another an armourer for the terrorists.

The Japanese "doctor" was last heard of about the middle of last year when two top terrorists were shot by their own bodyguards somewhere in Pahang.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WEAPON

One of the two top men was killed instantly while the other was badly wounded. The Japanese was called to give medical aid to the wounded man.

Hearing of this incident the Government's psychological weapon was brought into action. A broadcast in Japanese was made from a voice aircraft over the jungle in Pahang in the hope it would reach this Japanese and win him over to surrender.

A Japanese also has been working as an armourer for the terrorists in the jungle in north Redoh. — Reuter.

'Struggle For Peace Might Never End'

Caracas, Venezuela, Mar. 3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, today praised the part played by the governments of the American republics in building up the United Nations.

He said the constructive efforts of organisations like the Organisation of American States or the United Nations were part of a human struggle for peace and progress which might never end.

Addressing the tenth Inter-American conference here Mr. Hammarskjold said: "International organisation has become an essential element of modern society and the American republics have played a vital part in building up what we have today."

Though Latin American countries were facing serious economic problems, they could overcome them, even though it gave favourable conditions for increasing divisible capital and co-operation among themselves.

We in the United Nations are deeply aware of our responsibility and representatives of an organisation with international responsibilities to assist in the development of democracy, peace and progress in the Americas. — Reuter.

HOW TO MAKE A MILLION

By J. W. Taylor

AMAZING what one can do with one's Army gratuity. There's Steven Hardie, a Paisley man from a Five family, who started in business after the First World War on his Army gratuity and made a million. How? "Sheer hard work," he says. Opportunities? Says Mr Hardie: "There are far more opportunities in business life today than there were when I was young. Today a young man with brains gets on."

Mr Hardie has come a long way from the days when he was a young chartered accountant. During the First World War he served with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the 51st (Highland) Division. He rose to command the 51st (Highland) Battalion Machine Gun Corps, won the DSO and was three times mentioned in despatches.

War Experience

Now, 69 years of age, retired and squire of a 2,000-acre estate home at Ballathie, Perthshire, owner of another thousand acres of farmland in Scotland, a two-storey luxury flat in Mayfair, London, and 8,000 acres of tobacco farmlands in Rhodesia, Mr Hardie maintains that his war experience as a commander helped to train him for his future role as a controller of business companies.

Says he: "The Service training of youth is a good thing. It gives the young lad a new outlook on life."

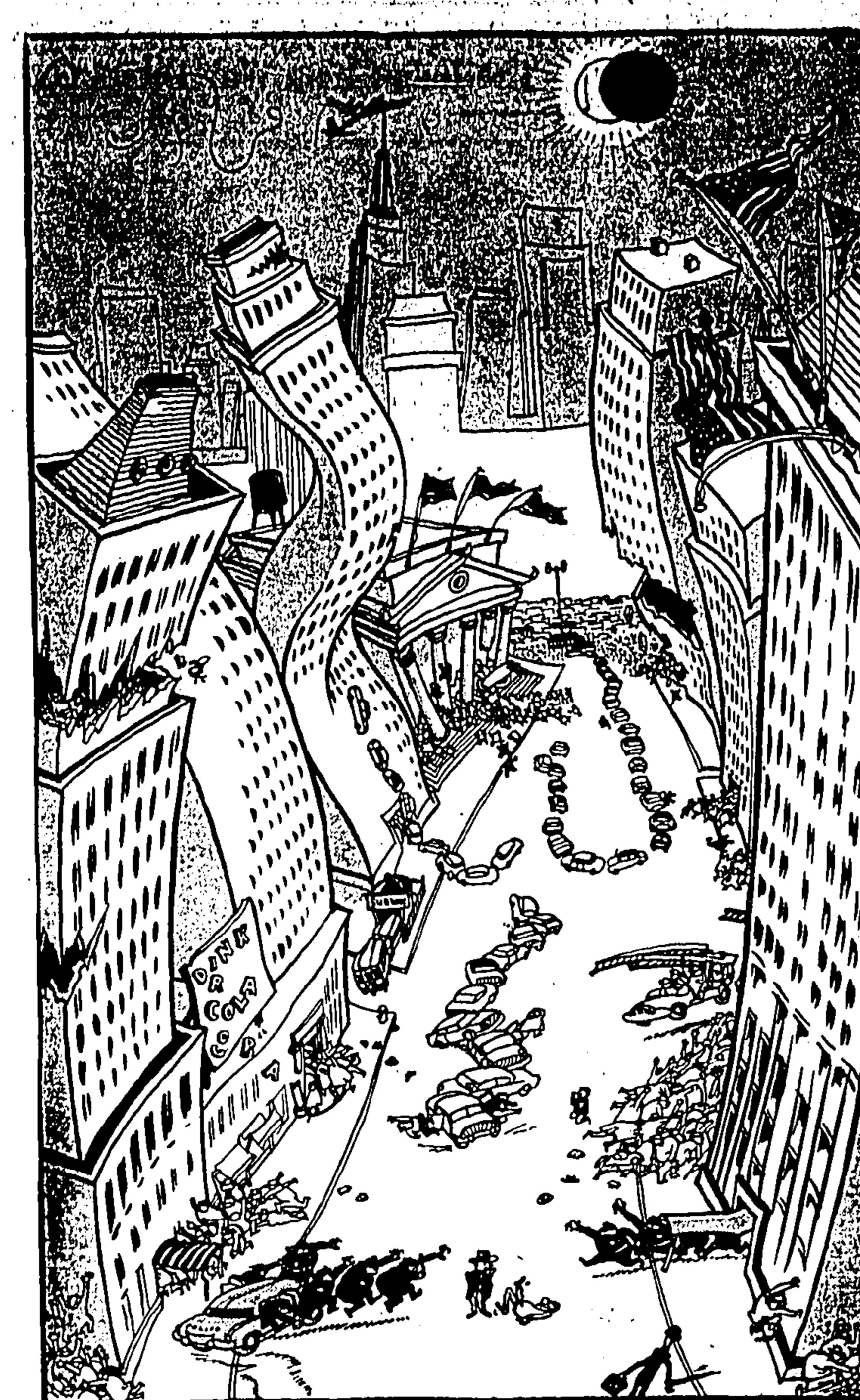
Service life certainly changed the outlook of young Steven. When he was demobilised, the idea of being a chartered accountant did not appeal to

It would seem that besides brains and a capacity for hard work, a man eager to get on must have vision, for Steven Hardie envisaged the coming of war as early as 1934 and made plans accordingly. The business was developed in that year to embrace Australia, Africa and India and other strategic spots round the globe. Meanwhile, he continued to extend his controlling power. Even today, although he is retired from business, he has a considerable interest in about 100 companies spread throughout the Commonwealth.

In 1950 Mr Hardie became a member of the British Transport Commission and four months later took on the chairmanship of the Iron and Steel Corporation of Great Britain. When the new Government decided to increase the price of steel, he resigned, handed over the reins of his own companies to younger hands and retired. In 1944 he was made an Honorary LL. D. of Edinburgh University.

Mr Hardie is at present holidaying in South Africa. Later in the year he will visit Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Australia. In Australia he had a sheep farm of 4,000 acres which he gave to a nephew.

Hard Work



The man who whispered "SLUMP" on Wall-street.

London Express Service

NOW... WILL MR EDEN END THE DEADLOCK?

GEORGE HUTCHINSON, JUST BACK FROM BERLIN, REPORTS ON THE FOUR POWER BREAK-UP

London. In part, Mr Molotov's incipient European Defence Community. Hence the master in obstruction, a "Eden" plan for Germany. That plan is Mr Eden's to the extent that he enunciated it: but you might just as well call it Dr Adenauer's plan.

But in part Mr Eden's failure. Mr Eden went to Berlin as stubborn as Mr Molotov. Professing hope when he spoke in public, his entourage betrayed the private belief that he could make no headway with Mr Molotov.

Not unnaturally, Herr Herbert Blankenhorn, the Chancellor's emissary in Berlin, has praised it to me in the warmest way.

That is a great deal more than Mr Eden's compatriots in Germany can bring themselves to do.

On what was Mr Eden's pessimism founded? On what has it been sustained? Largely on the convictions of unbending advisers in the Foreign Office, who—unlike Sir Winston Churchill—have persuaded themselves that no agreement is possible.

But have the crisp words of the conference room done him any good politically? Many in Britain will doubt it.

Mr Eden, who hardly ever writes a speech himself, has been misled by the despondent prejudice that his officials were anxious to thrust upon him like a prepared brief. And that prejudice is shared only too conspicuously by his partner in inflexibility, Mr John Foster Dulles of the United States—from whom, indeed, it partly derives.

The effects have been plain to see during the last four weary weeks in Berlin. Mr Eden has shown no mobility whatever in matters of importance, no wish to give and take, no inclination to budge from his predetermined views.

And all of those views are bedevilled by one overriding obsession: Mr Eden's resolve to rearm the Germans and get them into the conference.

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

The Eisenhower Grin Is Back Again

Washington. THE last time I saw Washington—four months ago—the city was in the doldrums, the President seemed perplexed and perturbed by his job, and the newspapermen were rowing with Cabinet Ministers.

Experts at the National Press Club were gloomy about economy cuts, the sealing of pipelines of information, and the general lassitude of the capital.

Some of them told me: "This millionaires' Cabinet might be fine at running big business, but they haven't a clue about politics."

Well, the millionaires must have learned fast because there has been a big change in Washington, D.C. Today the place has some of the liveliness and excitement it had when Franklin Roosevelt was in the White House.

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KITCHEE 2, ARMY 3

THE LAST MINUTE VICTORY COULD HAVE BEEN THE OTHER SIDE'S

By I.M. MacTAVISH

As the whistle blew for the end of this game at Caroline Hill the reactions and attitudes of the opposing players told the whole story of this tense drama better than mere words can do.

The soldiers were obviously overjoyed at pulling off yet another last minute victory... while the Kitchee boys were deep in the depths of dejection, convinced that they in their turn had been robbed of just that same sort of victory.

Picture the scene. With less than two minutes left for play the Army centre-forward had carried him deep into Kitchee territory. Too late the defenders realised the danger and Bennett's powerful attack down their left wing and in clearing his lines an Army defender sent the ball behind for a corner.

FROZEN TO THE SPOT

The Kitchee men were terribly shocked and remained frozen to the spot in cruel realisation that what had come so close to being a thrilling victory was now a bitter defeat.

The ball was put into play and in a few fleeting seconds the final whistle finished the match... but started long discussions on the field around the stands... and in the dressing rooms.

The question on every lip was "Why did the referee disallow the Kitchee goal?" Some folks said it was for offside, some gave the opinion that the ball had been listed into the net, but I understand—unofficially—that the free kick was awarded for a foul when one of the Kitchee players, in the heat of the moment, pushed Granger away from the ball.

Whatever the decision was it was given promptly enough and the referee gave the impression that he was in no doubt that an infringement had been committed. I was just after the game that the linesman's flag was actually high in the air before the ball had dropped low enough for anyone to play it.

Nevertheless one cannot but feel genuine sympathy for the Kitchee boys who had played grand football in the second half and it was in this dramatic atmosphere that the tussle moved on to its controversial climax and thrilling finale.

The game started off at a fast pace and right from the first kick it was seen that the teams were going to make a big effort to come out on top. Both sides were at full strength and early play provided plenty of contrast in styles.

The Army moved the ball about in the open at great speed while the boys in 'two-shades-of-blue' preferred the close passing game which they executed in brilliant fashion.

Granger was early troubled by several close range tries but the opening goal very nearly came at the other end when Bennett rose above Kwok Ying-keung to crash a mighty header just wide of the post.

At this stage Kitchee speeded up their play and the change in tactics paid off when in a melee in the goalmouth three of their players in concert bundled the ball into the net. Instead of disheartening the soldiers this reverse seemed to make them fight harder than ever although in one strong Kitchee attack they very nearly lost another goal when only a typical Granger effort saved the situation.

UNUSUAL ONE

In the 29th minute the Army on the equaliser and an unusual one it was too. Kitchee

England And Scotland Draw At Roker Park

Sunderland, Mar. 3. England and Scotland finished level with one goal each in their "B" International football match played under floodlights at Roker Park here tonight.

Both goals were scored in the second half. Scotland scored first when, in the 53rd minute, right-half, Cumming, who plays with the Scottish Division "A" Hearts, shook off a tackle from Manchester City's Talbot at inside-left and shot into the corner of the net.

The goal was disputed, the England players protesting that the linesman had just previously flagged for a throw-in, but to no avail.

England almost immediately suffered another blow as Reavey was led off with blood streaming from a cut eye.

But with only 10 men, England held their own and equalised through Hooper. West Ham's outside-left, after 68 minutes. It was the first senior representative match staged under floodlights in Britain—whatever.

It is hoped that the plans for the new "utility" track for Britain will go ahead because of the considerable drop in cost.

Otherwise the cheapest first-class running tracks have cost between £4,000 and £6,000 sterling. The new simplified track is expected to cost little more than £2,000 sterling.

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Army: Granger, Buckley, Wells, Longland, Frazer, Higgins, Lunnon, Reeves, Bennett, Doyle, Thomas.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Army	17	14	3	3	44	42	45
South China	17	10	0	7	34	30	30
Kitchee	17	9	2	6	32	29	29
Longland	17	8	2	7	31	27	26
South China	17	5	2	10	21	16	19
Reeves	17	5	1	11	21	20	17
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Thomas	17	3	0	14	18	21	10



(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Walley Barnes, footballer, switched to Walley Barnes, business man, rather smartly after the Arsenal v. Portuguesa de Desportos match.

Reason: The Brazilians were interested in a lightweight soccer boot. Sports-dealer Barnes, with visions of selling 30 pairs of boots just like that, showed them a sample.

"Fine" said the Brazilians. "May we borrow this to take back to Brazil to show our manufacturers?"

Barnes's business is flourishing. Last Friday he opened a second shop at Chiswick. Manager Tom Whittaker was there to cut the ceremonial tape.

He goes further. "After all, Tommy Taylor was not noticed until he left Barnsley for Manchester United, and then he went straight into the England team. Tommy Lawton, already established in the England side, was not dropped when he went to Notts County."

Major-General G.A.N. Swinney, Chairman of the Army FA, gives an emphatic "No."

He says: "They are treated just like any other National Serviceman."

"Many people think that they are being mollycoddled. Professional footballers are always getting criticised. Why they should be any more than the professional cricketers or other sports professionals I cannot think."

"A lot of the National Service professional footballers stay in this country—but a lot serve overseas. On the Rhine there are between 50 and 60 of them."

Referee Reg Leafe, PT instructor at a Nottingham school, cracked a couple of ribs in a sledging spill. Reg refers to the Israel-Yugoslavia World Cup (eliminating series) match in Israel on March 21.

How's this for a coincidence? When Leyton Orient (as Clapton Orient) reached the sixth round of the FA Cup in 1926 one of their backs was a Welshman named John Evans.

Now Orient have reached the sixth round for the second time... with John Evans, a Welshman, at right back.

DRASTIC REMEDY

Drastic remedy for the recovery of England's soccer prestige is proposed by Charlie D'Amato, a Fulham director. He says: "The solution is to use players from other divisions as well as the First. I would put the Port Vale goalkeeper, backs, and centre-half, if they have the necessary qualifications, in the England team."

The following games are scheduled at KCC on Sunday, commencing at 10:15 a.m.:

A. S. Augusted's team:—A. S. Augusted, Miss E. Low, C. Scott, Mrs. Augusted, H. Golke, Miss H. Modoo, v. N. Leonard's team:—Miss M. Figueredo, E. Postuma, Miss A. Oel, Ch. G. Geertsema, C. R. Tiernan.

R. E. Moore's team:—R. E. Moore, Miss Greta Lo, E. Abbas, Miss B. Greaves, H. Hanel, Miss T. Silva, v. F. Lonne's team:—F. Lonne, Mrs. A. Liung, G. Eglinton, Mrs. K. M. Getz, S. Su, Mrs. S. Su.

The following Reserves are kindly asked to turn up:—Miss B. Yim, C. Churn, C. Burk, R. Getz.

Will those players who are unable to play kindly notify the Tennis Convener before Friday noon. (Augusted — 34174).

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First Division Clubs Face A Challenge To Their Cup Supremacy

London, Mar. 3. The magic of the Football Association Cup is unfailing. But rarely has the public imagination been caught to the extent of this season.

The triumph of the little teams over the big brigades is responsible. It is many years since the First Division faced such a challenge to its Cup supremacy.

In 1937, Millwall, a Division III Club, reached the semi-finals and in 1949, Leicester, of Division II, got to Wembley. But these incursions into the Division I territory were isolated forays, ultimately rebuffed.

The challenge this year is on a broader front. Of the eight clubs surviving to the sixth round, Leyton Orient and Port Vale are from Division III, Leicester City from the Second and West Bromwich Albion, Sheffield Wednesday, Preston North End, Bolton Wanderers and Tottenham Hotspur from the First.

Since Leyton Orient and Port Vale are drawn to meet each other, Division II is assured of representatives in the semi-final. Port Vale, leaders of the Northern section, are expected to dispose of their southern rivals although not without a struggle.

Leicester are in a position to emulate their 1949 Wembley feat, but Preston, given the inspiration of England's Tom Finney, are redoubtable opponents. Leicester, who are bidding for Division II Championship, have the ground advantage.

West Bromwich Albion, in pursuit of the elusive Cup and League double, are nine to four favourites to resist every Cup challenge. Recent displays indicate they should overcome the Spurs in the forthcoming round.

The fourth tie, involving Sheffield Wednesday and Bolton Wanderers at Hillsborough, assures the premier division of a powerful representative in the semi-finals even if others fall by the wayside.

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Club Events: Kite v Coxhead; Mr and Mrs J. B. Kite, 6-1, 6-3, Mrs. Fowler and I. Agafuroff, 6-0, 6-3. Walker and Mrs. Allibrook, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4. Men's Doubles: Moore and Calvert, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0. Barnett and Mayo, 6-0, 6-0. Barnett and Storry, 6-2, 6-4.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

ON THE UNDER-SURFACE

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JUST ENOUGH

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WALK CARE-

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BABY... BUT HOW DO I KNOW

YOU'VE GOT THE PEARLS?

COME WITH

ME AND I'LL PROVE IT!

I'M READY TO GO--RIGHT

NOW!

SO I SEE! TELL

ME--DOES BLEU

POINTER KNOW YOURS

READY TO TAKE A

POINTER ON HIM?

? NOOK



Capital City Of The Minds And Hearts Of 428 Million People

Rome.

Twenty-five years after its establishment as the world's tiniest temporal state, the Vatican is today a focus of world attention.

This is not only because of the illness of Pope Pius XII and the always present possibility that a new Pope must be chosen in the Holy City by the cardinals of the Catholic Church. It is also because continuing attacks by the Communists on the Church organisation make its headquarters seem more and more a symbol of resistance to the godless revolution.

It is as if the Vatican and the Kremlin—each an impressive collection of ancient buildings on a little plot in a great city—were rival strongholds of the forces of God and of the godless, facing up to each other across some dark valley.

Only 108.7 acres in area—the size of a small American mid-western farm the Vatican has a population of about 1,000. From its close confines the Pope administers the vast organisation of the Church and ministers to the spiritual welfare of more than 428 million members of the Roman Catholic faith in every corner of the globe. Normally, 42 nations maintain diplomatic representatives there.

Although traditionally neutral in political affairs, the Pope has not hesitated to throw the weight of the Church into the vital struggle against Communism in Italy, nor to excommunicate certain Catholics in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary in the same cause.

Actually, the State of Vatican City is the last vestige of the once vast Papal States that extended across mid-Italy a century ago. These states had an area of 17 thousand square miles and a population during the 19th century of about three million.

But the history of the Vatican goes back far beyond that, beyond the history of modern Italy, back to the Roman Empire.

Seat 40,000

The accompanying artist's sketch is an air view of Vatican City. Its centre is the cupola of St. Peter's Cathedral, the world's largest church, the first object usually spotted by air and automobile travellers on the skyways and roads that lead to Rome.

Forty thousand persons have been seated in St. Peter's, which with its vast colonnades and square dominates the whole state. Beside it is the 1,000-room Papal Palace.

Thick walls surround Vatican City except at the entrance to St. Peter's Square.

A visitor could walk the length of this sovereign state, smaller than many a golf course, in about eight minutes but he could not view all its treasures of art and learning if he took a lifetime.

Pope Pius XII announced at the end of the 1950 Holy Year that excavations in the Vatican grottoes proved that the tomb of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, is in the grottoes, directly under the basilica's cupola.

Own Money, Stamps

The Pope's palace is in front of and at the right of the basilica, just beyond Bernini's famous colonnade. The Pope's private apartment is on the third floor. His study window, frequently lighted late at night as he continues his long hours of work, is at the end of the line indicating the papal apartment.

The State of Vatican City has its own civil administration, prints its own money and stamps.

Police duties are carried out by the Pontifical Armed Corps, which comprises the Noble Guards, the Swiss Guards, the Palatine Guards of Honour and the Pontifical Gendarmerie. Although outside the boundaries of the state, thirteen buildings in Rome enjoy extra-territorial rights. These include buildings housing the congregations or officers necessary for administration of the Holy See.

The into Pope Pius XI modernised life and facilities in Vatican City by full use of radios, automobiles and other modern conveniences.

The powerful Vatican radio station, shown at the extreme tip of the sketch, inside the upper wall, carries the Vatican's "floating population" of scientists moving between C. E. R. N. and the universities. It is aimed at C. E. R. N. hopes thus to attract scientific craftsmen to whom good equipment means more than a good wage.

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Europe's New Centre For Atomic Research

The newly established European Council for Nuclear Research, called C.E.R.N., is now settling down in Geneva as the youngest of the international organisations. It grew out of an urgent need.

For years American research centres had drawn off many of Europe's best scientists in various fields; no European country could hope to equip itself scientifically up to American standard. Nowhere was this more disastrous than in nuclear research.

At the 1950 General Conference of Unesco in Florence, a resolution proposed by the American delegation was adopted, instructing the Director-General of Unesco "to assist and encourage the foundation and organisation of regional research centres and laboratories... to increase and make fruitful the international collaboration of scientists in the search for new knowledge in fields where the effort of any one country in the region is insufficient for the task."

No place was mentioned, and no special type of research specified. But it soon became clear that the project was to be European and one of fundamental research concerning the structure of matter.

February, 1952, saw the constitution of a new inter-governmental organisation commonly named the "Council of Representatives of European States for planning an International Laboratory and for gathering other forms of co-operation in nuclear research." It soon took instead the banner name of "European Council for Nuclear Research" or from the French initials, C.E.R.N.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

GOLD RESERVES RISE

UK Adds \$40m.

To Dollar

Pool In February

London, Mar. 2.

Britain's gold and dollar reserves rose by \$40 million during February, the Treasury announced today. On February 28 they stood at \$2,583 million, compared with their lowest level of \$1,662 million in the middle of 1951.

Excluding the North American debt payments on December 31 of each year, the reserves have been rising uninterruptedly since the autumn of 1952.

Last month's rise of \$40 million was one of the largest in recent months. But it included \$31 million of defence aid from the United States and \$7 million from the European Payments Union in part settlement of the Sterling area's January surplus with the Union.

Excluding the EPU area, the Sterling area earned a surplus of only \$2 million in January.

Provisionally, the Treasury also announced that the Sterling area had a surplus of £1,200,000 with the EPU in February.

This will be settled during March, half of it by the Union paying dollars to Britain and the other half by reducing Britain's debt to the Union. So Britain's receipt of dollars from the Union will fall from \$7 million last month to \$1,500,000 this month.

During February the Netherlands Government made a special payment of £2,300,000 to the British Government, in anticipatory redemption of a post-war debt which the Netherlands Government was not bound to repay until some years from now.

ITALIAN DEBT

Without this special receipt, the February surplus with the EPU could have been a deficit of £1,100,000.

On the other hand, Britain herself is reported as having an amount of debt to Italy through the EPU every month. Excluding these debt payments from the Netherlands and to Italy, the Sterling area's position with the EPU in February was about all square.

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Higher Output Of Food Oils Forecast

London, Mar. 3.

The world will again have plenty of vegetable oils for food uses in 1954, the Commonwealth Economic Committee predicted here today. Preliminary details for 1954 show that a very high level of production will again be reached, and stocks in the United States are abnormally large, the Committee said.

Forecasts for field crops in 1953-54 indicate increases in groundnut and cottonseed, but a smaller production of soybeans and rapeseed.

The forecasts for 1954 are contained in a report on world production, trade and consumption of vegetable oils and seeds published today.

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THREE PER CENT LESS

World output of vegetable oils in 1953 was estimated to have been three per cent less than the record total of the previous year, but slightly greater than in 1951 and nearly one-fifth more than before the war.

Assuming an increase of 10 to 18 per cent in world production was about the same as before the war, but availability were larger because trade stocks and strategic reserves were higher.

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Cotton futures fluctuated narrowly in quiet dealings today, but maintained an overtone of steadiness most of the time.

Operations were given mainly to adjustments between the old and new crop deliveries, plus scattered liquidation in the expiring March delivery.

New speculative interest turned to the grain, stock and other commodity markets. Other traders shifted to the sidelines pending Washington developments on the farm price support legislation.

Trading volumes and open interests were today in the Exchange as follows:

Volume Open
March 6,000 104,400
April 4,000 100,000
May 6,000 100,000
June 6,000 100,000
July 6,000 100,000
August 6,000 100,000
September 6,000 100,000
October 6,000 100,000
November 6,000 100,000
December 6,000 100,000

Total 117,600 bales

—New York Cotton Market

New York, Mar. 3.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed two points lower to two points higher with sales of 121 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed one to six points higher with sales of 981 contracts.

World sugar futures worked irregularly lower in line with the lower trend in raws.

Domestic futures were active and higher with the raws market as commission house

buying orders predominated.

Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (World)

May 328
June 320
July 320
August 320
September 320
October 320
November 320
December 320

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May 19.50
June 19.25
July 19.00
August 18.75
September 18.50
October 18.25
November 18.00
December 17.75

—New York Market

New York, Mar. 3.

Rubber futures today closed 15 to 30 points higher with sales of 51 contracts.

Short covering in the March delivery, plus buying credited to foreign account in July, and higher London cables, were the principal price-shaping factors.

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—London Metal Prices

London, Mar. 3.

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For Sale...

BY its very staidness, the poster stuck on the wall of the Underground station, caught your eye. It stood out a mile from the flamboyant announcements of films and evangelical meetings, a simple notice in black and red lettering, of an auction sale.

For sale, said the poster, was a fully-paid life assurance policy of £54,000 19s. 0d., "effected 3rd December, 1950, on the life of a Gentleman, aged 71 next month (born 7th March 1883)."

The bare announcement left so much to conjecture. What manner of man could the gentleman be, who in that December, had taken out the policy that had grown so fat with the years. He would have been 23 then, marrying, perhaps, making provision for a young wife.

LOT 7

AND now, the policy for sale. Why after it had been held for so long? Again you wondered. Something to do with the cost of living? A shot in the arm for a son's business?

Perhaps at the auction some of the questions would be answered.

The sale took place in a building in Queen Victoria Street where, last year, £2,780,000 worth of properties were sold in the 10 auction rooms.

The £54,000 life assurance policy was left in a list of 10 lots — reversionary assurance policies, endowment policies, two seats in a grand tier box at the Albert Hall.

Filling most of the chairs in room K on the third floor, 20 men and five women, mostly middle-aged, and looking as relaxed as if they were taking tea at home, smiled understandingly, as the auctioneer said: "I must crave your indulgence. I've just got out of my sick-couch after a bout of this 48-hour flu."

£45,000

THEN, quietly, briskly, genially, he went to work, a tall man with thinning grey hair, pink complexion and the highly-scrubbed look of big business about him.

"Let seven," he said, nuzzling his gavel. He read out details that ended "Age is admitted," which meant the insurance company accepted the seller's birth certificate as being in order. "A very attractive policy," said the auctioneer. "I ask you to give me your best bid."

£45,000

No, "said" is too strong. Someone offered £45,000 without cut, so far as I could see, employing voice or gesture.

£47,250

SIMILAR silence and immobility raised the price to £46,000, at which point the auctioneer reminded the company again it was a very attractive policy.

Still the only movement visible was outside the windows, where gulls dipped and soared and looked over as though they held watching briefs for interested but distant parties.

"£47,250," the auctioneer said, and with a small, confidential, confidence - breeding smile to someone in the front row: "Can I tempt you now, sir?"

£47,350

THE auctioneer's eye ranged around his audience again, seductive, inviting. "£47,350, sir?" He seemed amazed that a bid should go up by so little as £50.

"£47,350 for the first time... for the second time... for the third time... The auctioneer rapped on his table with his gavel, and passed on to the next lot.

No one stirred. No one looked pleased or sad. No one hurried out to telephone the good news, the bad news. None of the questions I had hoped would be answered had been. Instead, I was left with another question. Who, in the company present, owned the £54,000 policy now?

"What's Her Line?" Solution
THEATRE SISTER
London Survey Dept.

Bank Manager Testifies In Court Action

Evidence that the currency of the margins paid by plaintiffs against their authority to the Bank to negotiate drafts was in Hongkong dollars and paid in Hongkong was given by Mr M. Ubags, Manager of the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger (Extreme-Orient) Societe Anonyme, Edinburgh House, when hearing of a claim against the Bank continued before Mr Justice Reynolds in the Supreme Court this morning.

Witness said that these margins varied between 40 and 50 per cent and were required by the Bank as a security against the contingency that plaintiffs might not pay on maturity.

The claim brought by the China Mutual Trading Company, 13-27 Ice House Street, against the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger (Extreme Orient) Societe Anonyme, Edinburgh House, is for return of HK\$2,500,171.96, being balance of margins paid in Hongkong in Hongkong currency in connection with the importation of goods from abroad.

Plaintiffs claim repayment of this sum with interest thereon or alternatively the equivalent in Hongkong dollars of US\$449,504.43, or alternatively damages.

The Defence is that the margins had, at the request of the plaintiffs been converted into U.S. dollars and that they were held by the defendants in U.S. dollars in the United States. As a result of the freezing regulations passed in December, 1950, the monies had been blocked and could not be returned.

Representing the plaintiffs are Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Percy Chen and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, all instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC and Mr D. A. L. Wright, both on the instructions of Mr H. J. Armstrong of Messrs Deacons are appearing for the defendants.

After Mr Wright had concluded reading the deposition of the third witness, Mr Harry H. Wiggins, practising attorney of New York, which was taken on commission in New York, the first witness for the Defence went into the box.

Mr Marcel Ubags, Manager of the defendant Bank said he had been employed in the Bank since 1922 and had served in various parts of the world including Brussels, London, Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai and Hongkong.

During August, 1940, to November, 1950, he was working in the Bank in Hongkong and held the post of sub-manager under the then Manager, Mr Leopold Pander.

MUCH EXPERIENCE

Mr Wright: During your employment with the Bank since 1922 have you had experience in regard to foreign exchange transactions put through the bank?

Mr Ubags: Yes, I have had considerable experience with the procedure and practice of foreign exchange.

Shown Bundle 3 of the Court's exhibits, witness said that the documents were applications for opening authorities to negotiate.

Witness said that during the period when he was sub-Manager of the Bank in Hongkong, these applications to open an authority to negotiate came under his supervision. There were 20 such authorities in the bundle which were relevant to the case.

Mr Wright: In what way did you have to deal with these applications as sub-Manager?

Witness: When these applications were sent to the Bank by the customers they would be submitted to me in order that the Bank gives its agreement to the granting of facilities.

THE AUTHORITIES

He added that the authorities in the bundle were personally dealt with by him. The authorities were in the form of a letter from the plaintiff to the Bank, a request to instruct the Bank's correspondents in various parts of the world to negotiate drafts drawn on the plaintiffs.

In every case the draft was in terms of US dollars, witness said.

Under those authorities plaintiffs guaranteed to accept on presentation those drafts drawn under the authority and further guaranteed to pay them on or before maturity, Mr Ubags said.

These applications asked his Bank to instruct its correspondents in various parts of the world, including the US, witness said.

King Visits Premier



King Paul of Greece (right) is escorted to his car by Prime Minister Marshal Papagos, after the King had paid an informal visit to the Premier in the latter's Athens office.—London Express.

Building Described As "Anachronism"

1 an application for exemption of premises in the Saiyingpoon district from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, Mr M. A. da Silva, representing the owner, described the structure concerned as "a complete anachronism to the present time."

The applicant, Yau Cho-choi, of 189 Shanghai Street, second floor, sought the exemption of 28 Second Street from the provisions of the Ordinance, on the grounds that he wished to re-erect the building.

Opponents were Yuen Mui, tenant of the ground floor, Lam Kwan, tenant of the first floor, and Ng On, tenant of the second floor. They were all represented by Mr Peter Mo.

The 40 of the contracts in the bundle were all relevant to the case. It was agreed that the exchange contract used in Hongkong was valid.

Mr Wright: Are these contracts entered into with the authorities?

Witness: These contracts are entered into at the time the client applies to the Bank his application for the opening of authority to negotiate.

Contract 5 says that on the face of it, did it not, that on July 25, 1950, he bought from Banque Belge Mutual, the amount US\$419,200 at various TT rates of exchange?—Yes.

BANK'S OBLIGATION

Under a contract like that, what is the Bank's obligation, what is the Bank's duty to do? The Bank's obligation is to make the US\$419,200 immediately available in the US upon payment by China Mutual to the Bank in Hongkong.

Mr Wright: The US dollar amount stated in the monthly rate agreed on in the contract for the month during which delivery is made.

Are the rates different in each month of delivery? In that contract you are looking at there is a difference of 1/16th in each monthly period from month to month. Has there any technical term by which you call this difference in the monthly rate? The difference in the monthly rate is called a cut.

Mr Wright: The cut is 1/16th per month?—At that time it was a constant cut, but it might vary according to circumstances.

Hearing is continuing.

Accused Of Cooking A Cat

"Did you think you were cooking a chicken?" asked Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The question was posed to 24-year-old returned bushrake Lam Tin, who was accused of possession of cat meat.

Lam pleaded not guilty to the charge and was remanded for 24 hours in custody for the magistrate's certificate to be produced.

The Prosecuting Officer said that Lam was caught boiling a cat in a back, lane off King's Road on Tuesday.

"Cats are very useful domestic animals," concluded Mr Lo and warned defendant that he would get a heavy sentence if found guilty of the charge.

FAMINE HITS ALASKA

Bristol Bay, Alaska, Mar. 3.

Dog sleds and ski planes rushed emergency rations today to starving Eskimos in the area where a game shortage has resulted in widespread famine.

An estimated 300 to 400 Eskimos were reported literally starving. Some 700 others were getting barely enough food to maintain life.

Cecil Davis, Pacific Area Director of the Red Cross Disaster Service, flew here to join Harold Pomeroy, Territorial Civil Defence Director.—United Press.

Out In 5 Minutes

A small fire broke out in a house in Wan Chai Lane, near Hollywood Road, at about 10.45 a.m. today. Three appliances were dispatched to the scene and extinguished the fire within five minutes.

Gang Of Narcotic Smugglers Captured

Mexico City, Mar. 3. Mexican narcotics police today captured a six-man supply organisation for a New York City marijuana ring.

The smugglers, who were caught with \$30,000 worth of dope in their possession, named Willy Morales and Victor Ruanova at the Hotel Empire, New York City, as the leaders of the gang.

The Mexican authorities immediately asked New York City police to arrest the two men.

Woman Stabbed 60 Times

London, Mar. 3.

The prosecution at a murder trial here today contested the defence plea that Raymond Harold Barker, 35, was insane when he stabbed the woman he loved, 44-year-old Mrs Beatrice James, 60 times with a vegetable knife.

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